

## Gradually Reduce Roster of Clerks, Warner's Method



VESPASIAN WARNER,  
Commissioner of Pensions and in Control of Bureau.

### Commissioner Outlines His Plan for Saving Expenses.

Denying that he was aware of any contemplated shake-up in the Pension Bureau or that the talk of his resignation had any warrant, Commissioner of Pensions Vespasian Warner said today it would be his policy steadily to reduce the force employed in the bureau. He explained that large reductions had been made in the force since he took office and that those would continue as rapidly as the work permitted.

"When I entered the office there were about 1,500 employees of the Pension Bureau," said Mr. Warner. "When I went before the Appropriations Committee in connection with appropriations for the fiscal year beginning with July, 1906, I said I could get along with 150 less employees. The appropriation was made accordingly."

"I got along with the 150 less employees, not by discharging miscellaneous but by not filling vacancies as they occurred. In a similar way, the force for the current fiscal year has been cut down seventy. For the fiscal year beginning next July, I expect to get along with a reduction of about 140."

#### Discharged No One.

"When I discussed the subject before the Appropriations Committee I told them that I did not intend to discharge a single old soldier or anything of that sort. But vacancies keep occurring and by not filling these I am enabled to make large reductions in the working force. Members of the Appropriations Committee, both Republican and Democratic, have told me I was right about it."

Mr. Warner said so far as a reform in business methods and the like for his bureau was concerned, he knew of nothing projected. He was aware of the investigations of the Keop Commission and of the inquiry with reference to equalization of salaries and classification of clerks that was being made by a committee headed by John W. Horcombe, of the Department of the Interior. But he was not aware of any overhauling of the bureau in consequence.

#### No Thought of Resigning.

As to concentration of the pension agencies in Washington or the abolishment of a part of the present agencies, Mr. Warner does not look for it.

Touching on his rumored resignation, Mr. Warner said: "I suppose the reports may have originated because of criticisms of me in connection with my work as executor of the estate I am settling. I have been appointed executor to do certain things in accordance with the will of the man who named me executor. I intend to carry out his wishes, no matter by whom criticized or attacked. I would be false to my trust otherwise."

### Mrs. Fish Wins In Social War

Invincible Against Newport Rivals in the Strife to Entertain the Swedish Prince—The Story of the Most Bitter Society Warfare in Years is Told and Splendidly Illustrated in

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## WARSHIPS' DRILL GIVEN PUBLICITY AND CRITICISED

"The Navy" Prints Pointed Editorials on Recent Sea Practice.

Ships Are Inadequately Equipped, it Says, and Officers Too Old.

Battle tactics in the American navy have arrived at last, with the recent maneuvers held off the Virginia capes, but still the officers and ships of the Atlantic fleet would prove far from efficient in a realistic game of war, according to the view taken by "The Navy," the official organ of the Navy League, of which Gen. Horace Porter is president, and in which many navy officers hold offices.

This magazine, which created a genuine sensation in the navy by starting out to reform it by exposing its pronounced weaknesses, declaring that there was no such thing as battle tactics, that the fleet was unprepared to make the Pacific cruise, and that the Kentucky, Kearsarge, Maine and other ships were "soft-end" vessels, and accordingly defective in construction, has more caustic criticism in the September issue.

The author of the leading editorial, who is believed by naval officers to be a former officer, because of his knowledge displayed and accurate technical language used, claims to give an authentic detailed account of the recent maneuvers, which the Washington officials made every effort to keep secret. The maneuvers are described as follows:

#### Method of Maneuvers.

"The first division of four ships, spent three days, the 21st to the 23d of August, in the simplest sort of maneuvers, such as 'ship right,' 'column left,' etc. In the week of August 23-31 the fleet spent five days at sea, with eight ships in the first squadron and seven in the second."

"Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday were given up to battle tactics. The two squadrons separated and when out of sight of each other, approached each other in various formations. Fire opened at 3,000 yards, and continued to less than 4,000—the range established for torpedoes. Observations were taken every five minutes, and the positions of the squadrons plotted to scale."

"The very things appeared that were expected. The range-finder crews were inadequately drilled. The range-finders which in tops which vibrated so that it was difficult to read the ranges at times with a less error than five hundred yards. They are exposed to the full force of the wind, which makes it very difficult to get readings. After the ranges are found, there is no way of giving them to the guns except by voice, and this is a very crude, hastily provided means. In short, the fleet is as ill-prepared to control fire today as it was in the Spanish-American war."

#### Conning Towers Not Used.

"There is no efficient means of communicating with the commanding officer. The conning towers were not used on any of the ships, since they are poorly designed and inadequately equipped. No captains have ever controlled their ships from the conning towers, and so are not prepared. These various defects are all emphasized by this battle practice, and officers are set to thinking of what the fleet really should have for battle conditions."

"Our superstructures, from mast to mast, are a jumble of great, tall smokestacks and ventilators, cranes, useless bridges, and masts which serve for nothing but signal hoists. The ships are up most strikingly when the guns are trained on the opposing squadron."

"Another circumstance which deserves serious attention is the fact that the turret sights of the Louisiana were so seriously injured by vibrations of the turret machinery, during the maneuvers, that she did not sail with the fleet for the target practice in northern waters. Fourteen days will be required to make the necessary repairs at the Norfolk yard. The Vermont remained behind for final speed trials at sea. This ship displayed at Hampton Roads two empty portholes on her broadside. Is this the kind of fleet it is wise to send into the Pacific?"

"No one who took part in the exercise could have failed to ask himself, 'Why train, in these battles, admirals who have but a short time to serve?' If the fleet starts for the Pacific on December 15, with the present officers, the four rear admirals will then have an average of but thirteen months before retirement, while the commander-in-chief will have but eight months; the captains will have an average of but three years ten months."

NEW YORK, Sept. 7.—For the first time since 1899 John D. Rockefeller has left his offices at 25 Broadway. He has maintained a handsome suite of offices on the fourth floor of the Standard Oil building ever since he retired from the active management of the company.

## ROOT QUILTS MULDOON CAMP IN FINE FORM

Bronzed and Strong He Takes Rigorous Exercise With Ease.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Sept. 7.—Elihu Root completed his training today for the annual international diplomatic bout at Washington this winter, and his trainer, "Billy" Muldoon, announced in the good old prize ring fashion that he was "in better condition than ever before."

Mr. Root, who was somewhat weakened last spring and summer, was put through a rigorous schedule with the ease that comes only after hard training.

He is looking like a brand new man today. In the last few days he had gone through a rigorous schedule with the ease that comes only after hard training.

## CHINESE IN REVOLT; KILL WHOLE FAMILY

HONGKONG, Sept. 7.—A serious uprising has occurred in the Ping-Shing district. Hundreds of natives are in revolt.

At Yung-Chow the local magistrate and his entire family have been killed, and the official houses destroyed.

Four regiments of troops have been dispatched to the scene.

JOHN D. GETS ACTIVE; VISITS BUSINESS OFFICE

#### THE WEATHER REPORT.

The development of a modern disturbance over the Middle West, and another in the Northwest has resulted in showers in the upper lake region, the upper Mississippi, and Missouri valleys, and the Northwest. There was no other rain of consequence, except in Florida. It is considerably warmer in the upper Mississippi and lower Missouri valleys, and cooler in the northern plateau; elsewhere temperature changes were small.

With the eastward drift of the Middle West depression there will be showers quite generally tonight and Sunday in the lower lake region and the middle Atlantic States, and on Sunday in New England. In the South the weather will be generally fair.

Temperatures will change but little. Steamers departing today for European ports will have light to fresh westerly winds with fair weather to the Grand Banks.

SUN TABLE.  
Sun sets today.....6:23  
Sun rises tomorrow.....5:24

TIDE TABLE.  
High water today.....3:00 p.m.  
Low water today.....2:15 p.m.  
High water tomorrow, 8:15 a.m., 2:26 p.m.  
Low water tomorrow, 2:30 a.m., 2:52 p.m.  
HARPERS FERRY, W. Va., Sept. 7.—Potomac and Shenandoah muddy.

## Millionaire Will Drive Tandem of Wild Zebras Through Gay Broadway

Trainers Have Turbulent Time Making Brutes Docile.

NEW YORK, Sept. 7.—Russell Hopkins, millionaire son of an Atlanta (Ga.) banker, is to treat Broadway to a sight it never has seen before. He intends to drive a team of zebras up the Great White Way to Martin's, and thence to Delmonico's.

Learning that it was extremely difficult to train the zebras so that the animal would work well in harness, the Southern sporting blood asserted itself, and he determined to accomplish the feat.

Hopkins has an estate at Irvington-on-the-Hudson. He keeps a menagerie there—bears, lions, tigers, ostriches and birds. But he yearned for zebras. He got one, and called it "Sing Sing." Now he is negotiating for the purchase of another, which he will call "Arsenic."

The millionaire hustled to Frank Gunther, who has charge of the animals, and said:

"Frank, you and I, being practical men, are going to tame the festive zebra. We are going to curb his haughty spirit and lay his haunter in the dust."

"Sure," said Frank, groping about for his employer's intent. "What's up?"

"I'm going to drive a brace of zebras up Broadway, and I'm going to halt them in front of Martin's. Also, Frank, I am going to dine there, and in addition, Frank, Little Russell is going to drive the spanking pair up to Del's."

He bought "Sing Sing," and introduced the zebra to George Cook, the coachman, who is reputed to be able to tame the ferocious and furious lion.

Cook nonchalantly mounted the steed that looks like a convict dressed up for a prison inspection. The said steed balked,



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kicked, snorted—and Mr. Cook found himself prone on the ground, with contusions and aches in his limbs. It was said that George could tame a ranting shrew, but the zebra was one too many for him. After he had exhausted half-nelsons, strangle-holds, and leg-holds, he wound up in a hospital.

After much trouble, turmoil, and travail they got the bit into Sing Sing's mouth—and clamped it there. For a while they left the metal bar in the animal's jaw, so he'd get used to the contrivance. According to all who have been monkeying with Mr. Zebra, in about two weeks he'll be gentle and tractable and be perfectly willing to whiz up Broadway in front of a carriage.

It is said that Hopkins will have to spend \$20,000 in consequence of his "zebra rad," but he will feel repaid when he drives a tandem up Broadway and startles the denizens of the Incandescent Alley.

## RICHARD L. JONES, PRESSMAN, DEAD

Richard L. Jones, sixty-two years of age, died this morning at George Washington University Hospital, where he was carried last night after a sudden attack of heart trouble.

Mr. Jones leaves no family. He will be buried by the Pressmen's Union, but as yet no funeral arrangements have been made. He was one of the oldest pressmen in this city in point of service, and was at his post of duty in the Government Printing Office press room yesterday afternoon. News of his sudden death was received with much sorrow among his associates.

MRS. RUSSELL HOPKINS, WHOSE HUSBAND EXPECTS TO DRIVE ZEBRA TANDEM ALONG THE RIALTO.



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## SELL PHILIPPINES TO MILLIONAIRE, SUGGESTS HAGUE WAR SPIRIT GROWS APACE IN GERMANY

Several Delegates Think Pan-German League Opposed to Great Britain and America.

THE HAGUE, Sept. 7.—Several delegates to the peace conference, who consider the Philippines the apple of discord which, some time in the future, will surely disturb peace in the Far East, made a novel suggestion during a discussion of the difficulty which would attend the sale of the archipelago to a foreign country.

It was suggested that the United States might dispose of the islands to one of her multi-millionaire citizens, with rights of sovereignty. By this course Carnegie or Rockefeller, or some other great financier, through the payment of \$100,000,000, could become emperor of the Philippines, and be in a position to apply theories which they have long been urging on other rulers.

The International Club gave a reception in honor of Prof. Scovell, of Wooster College, Ohio, and Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Mead, of Boston. An explanation of the work done in helping the delegates bring about an acceptance of American propositions was explained.

TIGER PRINCETON DEAD; FOUL PLAY IS SUSPECTED

NEW YORK, Sept. 7.—Dr. W. Reid Pa'air is holding an autopsy today on Princeton, the Malay tiger, in the New York Zoo, who was found dead in his cage yesterday under circumstances which Park officials think indicate poisoning.

Princeton had never had a sick day, but was found dead in his cage when Keeper Schwann entered yesterday to bid him good morning.

Blue Fish and Taylors biting lively at Chesapeake beach.—Adv.

## PROMISE TOSHOW SPIRITS

"Bright Eyes" to Manifest Herself at Church.

Indian Girl's Spook Will Not Visit Courts.

Jurors Wonder if They Must Pay \$2 Fee.

NEW YORK, Sept. 7.—"Little Bright Eyes" will be at home to the sheriff's jury and the lunacy commission in the Vanderbilt case tomorrow evening at the First Spiritualist Church in Brooklyn.

The spirit of the little Indian girl, who was so active in the affairs of Edward Ward Vanderbilt—the wealthy lumberman being examined by the commission—but who failed to come to his rescue when most needed in the court room, has consented to perform in the presence of inquirers if they will go to her particular platform.

#### Want Jury at Services.

Mrs. Vanderbilt's failure to give a "manifestation" in the court room, when ordered by the commission to display her "powers," was a heavy blow to the defense in the case and it is in answer to the challenge of Mrs. Vanderbilt that her attorneys today are trying to get the jury and commission to attend the "services" tomorrow.

"If you will follow me to places where I am used to going under control I may be able to give you a 'manifestation,'" said the medium in court yesterday.

#### Must They Pay Fee?

There is some disgust over what each member of the jury and commission would be taxed—\$2—the fee which Mrs. Vanderbilt testified her husband paid her for each of the forty-five "manifestations" she gave him before and after their wedding.

The examination of Mrs. Vanderbilt will be resumed Tuesday by attorneys for Miss Minerva Vanderbilt, daughter of the defendant, who charges that the medium has defrauded her father of his estate and that he is insane.

## WRECK ON TRESTLE; ENGINE IN STREAM

HELENA, Ga., Sept. 7.—The Seaboard Air Line passenger train, No. 72, north-bound, jumped the track and plunged into Wilcox creek, one mile from here yesterday afternoon. With the exception of the engine and the rear coach, the entire train went into the creek and the first-class coach was left standing on the brink of the trestle.

The injured: A. B. Wilson, of Savannah, baggage-master, seriously bruised and cut. Baggage-master Sligier, seriously bruised.

Mr. Cox, of Erick, Ga., a passenger, bruised slightly.

Two colored mail clerks, seriously injured.

One colored passenger, hip fractured. The coaches were smashed into bits. The track is still blocked by the debris. All the injured were brought to this city.

DEMENTED ALABAMA BOY SLAYS HIS AGED FATHER

GADSDEN, Ala., Sept. 7.—News had just been received of the killing of Ackler Lee, an aged resident of Marshall county, by his son Frank.

His son is a demented boy and was supposed to be harmless. The tragedy occurred yesterday at the Lee home, at Marlberry, a village ten miles out from Albertville.

\$1.25 to Baltimore and Return Every Saturday and Sunday via Pennsylvania Railroad. Tickets good returning until Sunday night. All regular trains except "Congressional Limited."—Adv.

## WILL The Typewriter Girl Lose Her Job?

Amazing Automatic Machines That Write Letters from Dictation Have Caused Consternation in the Ranks of Pretty Stenographers.

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## Sunday Times Question No. 8: What Is the Best Washington Joke?

Read the Answers in The Sunday Times